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LETTER

Sent by the

GRAND VISIER

TO THE

Duke of Lorrain,

In His CAMP at

ZALUOCK,

On the Eighteenth of *September*, 1687.

In which He earnestly Entreats for

PEACE.

CHARLES, *Great Captain, Lord and Commander of the Christian Army,*

WE with our faithful Services, do let you know, that the Great God for a long time hath punnished us for unjustly taking up Arms against You; Our grievous Losses being certain demonstrations and marks of an angry and provoked Deity, whom by all means We would seek to appease, and doubt not by the Righteous and Gracious God from the Chastisement that is now upon Us, will fully satisfie and attone his Wrath, and that he will again take us into his Grace and Mercy, and remove Our many Afflictions, and raise Our Heads and Hearts, so much from the influence of Heaven depressed.

Most Noble Duke, consider the Evils and Discommodities of a long War. How fertile Countries are devastated, plea-

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ſant Cities and Villages conſumed by Rapine and Fire. The number of Mankind deminiſhed, all living Creatures deſtroyed, the Fruits of the Earth trampled under Foot, and Trade and Commere the Sinew of an Empire, wholly loſt and at a ſtand

Now We with Our whole Hearts, wiſh no other than Love and Peace: So kind and benign to Mankind are its effects, that Kingdoms flouriſh, the People multiply, and the Husband-man after his toil gathers his Fruits with quietneſs.

In fine, as War deſtroys and overturns all, ſo Love and Peace brings and reſtores every thing to its height and perfections, which with Our whole Heart We court, not in the leaſt doubting to find the ſame good ſentiments and inclinations in your Highneſs, being the only Treaſure and Happineſs of the World.

Conſidering how without cauſe We began this War, We muſt needs acquieſce and ſay, Our Punniſhment is juſt, and leſs than we deſerve. Yet, We hope Our Humiliation hath appeaſed Our angry Prophet; as Our acknowledgment and condeſcention will Our Conquering Foe; and that at laſt it will enter into Your Highneſſes Heart, and conſideration; the benefits a firm and general Peace would occaſion: Hoping Our endeavours for the ſame will not be fruitleſs, through Your Highneſſes Liking and good Offices.

But if all this moves not Your Victorious mind, let the conſideration of the vaſt quantity of innocent Blood that was ſpilled the laſt Campaign, which cries to God for Revenge: Leſt as great unhappineſs (as we at preſent feell) return on Your Highneſs, and Chriſtian Allies, for being an Enemy to the preſervation of Mankind.

Give us therefore, Great Sir, Your ſudden thoughts about this Affair, which ſhall be received with Honour and Reſpect.

By *Solyman Mahomet.*

Azen, Viſier.

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